

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph extending between pages 12 and 13 to read as follows:

In the embodiment of Figs. 1 - 5 (and that of Figs. 8 - 10, if similarly provided with cooperating threads) this is performed by rotating the threaded tapered core member a number of times, whereby the cooperating threads on the knob and core member urge the core member along the lumen between the segments, and so that the cooperating tapers formed thereon force the ~~segments~~ segments outwardly. The rotation can be accomplished manually or by a powered tool.